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Electronic control timepiece

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Elektronische Kontrolluhr

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP0695978A1] The present invention relates to a compact and thin electronic control timepiece having a long lasting time for indicating highly accurate time. The flow of an AC electromotive force (102) induced in a coil in a generator (3) powered by a power spring (1) is supplied to a step-up circuit (15) in an IC (11). The step-up circuit (15) boosts the rectified electromotive force (102) doubling to charge in a smoothing capacitor (4) as storage power. A step-up control circuit (16) generates a step-up control signal for controlling the step-up operation of the step-up circuit (15). A cycle comparing circuit (8) compares a reference cycle signal from an oscillation circuit (7) and a detected cycle signal (105) synchronized with the rotational cycle of the generator (3), generates a cycle correction signal (106) for eliminating a time difference between both signals, and outputs the signal to a load control circuit (5). The load control circuit (5) in turn changes a load current (107) on the generator (3) by appropriately selecting a load resistor for changing switching elements within an internal circuit, controls the amount of an electromagnetic brake corresponding to a current amount (107) flowing through the load resistor and thereby governs the speed of the rotation cycle of the generator (3). <MATH>

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